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SUBJ: SHIPPING: PHILIPPINE DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES

REF: HAGUE 1605 (NOTAL)

1. TRANSPORT MINISTRY OFFICIAL TIMMERMAN TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 10 THAT GON DOES NOT PLAN TO PROTEST PHILIPPINES' DISCRIMINATORY DECREES. HE SAID THAT, WHILE IN PRINCIPLE IT HAS ALWAYS OPPOSED DISCRIMINATION IN SHIPPING, GON CONSIDERS SUCH PRACTICES BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LESS OBJECTIONAL BECAUSE OF THEIR NEED TO PROMOTE INFANT INDUSTRY FLAG CARRIERS.

2. TIMMERMAN SAID GON HAD VOICED THIS OPINION AT MEETING LAST WEEK OF SUB-GROUP OF CONSULTATIVE SHIPPING GROUP AND HAD BEEN SUPPORTED BY SOME MEMBER COUNTRIES BUT NOT OTHERS.

3. ASKED WHETHER EXCEPTION TO PRINCIPLE WAS ITSELF A PRINCIPLE ON WHETHER GON HAS DECIDED ON LIMITS OF DISCRIMINATION BEYOND WHICH IT WILL NOT GO, EVEN FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TIMMERMAN ANSWERED THAT IT WAS A PRINCIPLE WITHIN A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRINCIPLE.

4. COMMENT: GON'S SOFTNESS ON LDC'S ON SHIPPING IS
CONSISTENT WITH ITS SELF-PROCLAIMED ROLE--IN UNCTAD, CERDS,
UNIDO AND UN LINER CONFERENCE--AS BRIDGE BETWEEN DC'S AND
THIRD WORLD. GON HAS NOT THOUGHT MUCH ABOUT DETAILS OF ITS
POSITION. FOR TIME BEING, LIMITS WILL PROBABLY BE ARRIVED
AT CASE-BY-CASE. DECISION ON PHILLIPPINES IS ONE SUCH CASE.
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